standing officers in the interests of administration.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

New technology for sending telegrams and telegraphic money order in Madhya Pradesh

511. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 4532 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st March, 1992 and state:

(a) whether Government have decided to establish stations for the purpose of sending telegrams and telegraphic Money Orders in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the number of such stations that are likely to be established in Madhya Pradesh?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYANAIDU): (a) and (b) Facilities already exist to send telegrams at 40855 Combined Posts & Telegraph Offices, 717 Telegraph Offices and 131 Central Telegraph Offices in the country. Telegraphic money orders booked and transferred from post offices are at present transmitted through the existing telegraph network. However, to modernise the telegraph network 45 micro processor based store and forward telegraph systems have been introduced into telegraph network, Electronic key boards, electronic key board concentrators, PC based formatted terminals and electronic teleprinters have also been used in telegraph network.

There is also a plan to establish satellite money order system in 75 locations spread over the country.

(c) In the State of Madhya Pradesh 4 Store and Forward Telegraph systems one each at Bhopal, Jabalpur. Indore and Raipur have already been installed and commissioned. The same will be upgraded to store and forward message switching systems of 32 lines capacity during the VIIIth Five Year Plan period. In addition 500 electronic key boards will also be installed during the VIII th Five Year Plan period to improve quality of telegraph services.

Although some locations in Madhya Pradesh will be covered under the satellite money order systems, it is too premature to indicate number of exact locations in the State now.

Smuggling on the Indo-Myanmar Border

512. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that smuggling of drugs and gold is now on the increase in the Indo-Myanmar border; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the steps taken to check smuggling in the area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Available reports indicate that the Indo-Maanmar border continues to be sensitive to smuggling of Gold and Narcotic Drugs. However, since smuggling is a clandestine activity it is not possible to say whether such smuggling is now on the increase. The quantities of gold and narcotic drugs (of South-East Asian origin) that have been seized in the Indo-Myanmar sector of the land border in the last 4 years is given in the table below:

	1989	1990	1991	1992 (upto June)
Heroin Qty (in Kg.)	20	9	12	4
Gold Qty (in grams)	539	627.04	..	27